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larm—Tramp versus Dude—True nomy—Waiting—Embarrassing—hing Sarcasm.

FALSE ALARM.

n—I hear you had some money

—Yes, it left me long ago.

PLEASURES OF SEASICKNESS.

you enjoy your ocean trip?"

I gave up all care and—every-se."

NEATLY OUT OF IT.

You said I had a face that would trolley car in the middle of the

I did. It takes a mighty good-woman to get a conductor to do

TRAMP VERSUS DUDE.

p—Remember, boss, I was once you.

(giving him a dollar)—How did so different?

p—Oh, I was too proud to live on er.

TRUE ECONOMY.

ve saved a big pile of money to-id Mr. Hardhead.

t is lovely. How?" said his wife.

ead of going to law with a man he owed me, I let him have it."

WAITING.

—It's funny you don't ride."

t—I'm waiting until they have built for two.

can get tandems now."

ow: I mean a bicycle built for $2."

EMBARRASSING.

tor, what is the trouble with Mrs. "

ven't made up my mind just what yet. To tell you the truth, I found out what she wants me to has."

CRUSHING SARCASM.

must admit," said the drill with g chuckle, "that my point is a ."

ock maintained a stony silence.

ual observer, however, would ced that it looked bored.

HIS OBJECT.

y—May I wake the baby,

a—Why do you want to wake ?

y—So's I can play on my drum.

REPROACH.

(to his tailor)—I will never give rder again: you charged me three much for my last suit. I found en I pawned it to-day.

CROOKED ADVICE.

—I don't think that boil on your very serious matter, but you had ep your eye on it.

t nervously)—Great Scott, doc-ll make me squint.

A WOMAN'S HOLIDAY.

—"What are you going to do to-

—"Why, nothing. And you?"

—"Nothing, either."

—"Then let's go shopping."

—"But I don't want to buy any-

—"Neither do I. We'll just shop."

A MAN'S VIEW.

ear, I think you are a trifle too ."

?"

tting wire screens over the doors lows so our flies cannot get out iate with the neighbors' flies."

STRANGE.

s—Look here, Jeannette; you ught me two shoes for the same

—How strange! This other pair or the same foot, too.

O HEAL THE DIFFERENCE.

not be your wife, Algy. There reat a difference between our

Mabel, I'm sure there would be nce between them if we could n together."

A SOLILOQUY.

family quarrels are just as need-ey are horrible," mused Mrs. e. "Now, George and I have ied four—long—weeks, and yet said one—cross—word to me new that we could surprise

hen, George isn't as other men

HIS SUPERSTITION.

kins, do you think a mascot is n learning to ride a wheel?"

there are times when the pres-eather pillow doesn't go so bad."

STER BORROWS A DOLLAR.

can yer lend me a dollar that use fer?" said Jim Webster to sing.

gly, Jim, I'se pleased ter com-er?" said Sam, handing Jim a

so surprised at his luck that coin to see if he was awake, or mbling, and in doing so dis-at it was made of lead.

ere is counterfelt, Sam; I didn't would do me datter way."

it's counterfelt, Jim; yer axed e I had no use fur, an I gib it e always 'commodatin to my

rance on St. Paul's Cathe-don, is $4,000,000.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

An elaborate investigation, for the purpose of determining the annual consumption of flour by the people, has developed results which "Bradstreet's" has printed with much fulness of detail. They purport to show that the consumption is about 5.387 bushels for each inhabitant, instead of about 4 2-3 bushels, as the Agricultural Department has for many years reckoned.

The American Club, of Stuttgart, Germany, will celebrate again this year the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by a banquet, ball, etc. For the first time the club will publish a "festzeitung" in two editions, the first containing the festival programme, the Declaration of Independence in English and German, etc.; the second on the evening of the Fourth, containing the names of all the participants and a report of the exercises.

Aluminium as a useful metal has taken a remarkable hold of the world in the last ten years. The price has just touched 48 cents a pound, whereas in 1884 it was $9. In 1894 over 700,000 pounds was consumed in this country, and this year the output will be over 2,000,000 pounds, while in 1884 the amount was but 150 pounds. The electrical method of extracting aluminium from clay has greatly cheapened the metal, and brought it into extended use, especially for making kitchen utensils.

The well-known astronomers, Percival Lowell of Boston and T. J. Lee of the University of Chicago, are to begin a series of astronomical observations in July in Mexico. The observations will continue for three years. Mr. Lowell will study the planet Mars systematically, while Dr. Lee will search the Southern heavens for double stars. Their movable observatory will have one of the best telescopes in the world. Its 24-inch lens has been shown by tests to be superior to the 26-inch glass at the Naval Observatory in Washington.

A report recently published gives a fair idea of the amount and value of the labor produced in English prisons. At Wandsworth 1000 prisoners produce goods of the value of $60,000 per annum. The labor of the 1000 prisoners at Pentonville only yields $32,500 per annum, but at Wormwood Scrubbs the same number are worth $100,000 every year. The various objects manufactured from raw material are brushes, bags, mattresses, clothing, leggins and shoes, besides a large number of articles made by carpenters, blacksmiths, tinsmiths and bricklayers. All the bags and boxes used in the general postoffice are made in British prisons.

San Francisco has had the novelty of a strike by Chinese laborers for higher wages, and the even greater novelty of the replacing of the Chinese strikers by white girls, who are working for the wages that the coolies refused to accept. The trouble occurred in a factory owned by a Chinese firm which is manufacturing blouse waists. The girls are doing better work than the Chinese did. By working hard for eleven hours a day they can make from 50 to 75 cents, and some of them have been known to make $1 for three consecutive days, but the next day they had to lay off and rest. The strikers, like the white unionists whom they imitate, gather at the factory at the closing hour to hoot and "make faces" at the girls.

Some years ago the sect of Abstainers, or Bible Christians, who eat no meat and regard the killing of animals as sinful, built a church in Third street, Philadelphia. The building is now occupied by a firm of pork packers and sausage makers.

In an article in The Yale Medical Journal, Dr. Edwin A. Down combats the popular impression that insanity is increasing. He says that the increase for the last twenty years, shown by the official records, is comparatively trifling, and is more than accounted for by the change in conditions which has resulted in sending to insane asylums many persons who were previously kept in almshouses or in private families, and not reckoned in making up the record of the insane.

The point has been brought out by a correspondent of a marine paper that it is no wonder the Spaniards were willing to assault and insult the United States Consul at the time of the adoption of Cuban resolutions by the House. In Barcelona only two American sailing vessels were seen last year, and it is asked: "What reason had they for believing that we had a flag or a people capable of defending it?" In connection with this, it may be stated that only two American sailing vessels visited Liverpool in 1895 and during the same year not an American merchantman touched at the cities of Hull, Cardiff, Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin, Portsmouth, Rotterdam, Genoa or Naples. The other side of this picture was shown in 1861, when the merchant fleet of the United States aggregated 5,539,813 tons, and the flag was seen in every port in the world where ships [illegible]

[illegible] of the army," said [illegible] Washington [illegible] General Miles is located or at the least, where he keeps his headquarters flag. Should he take his flag up in a balloon the headquarters would be up in the air. He seldom takes his flag with him when he leaves the city, but should he do so headquarters would be exactly where the flag is, whether he was in the cars or at a hotel. The law has never designated an official headquarters. When General Sherman moved his residence from this city some years ago to St. Louis the headquarters flag went with him, and the War Department found it was no longer headquarters. Neither was there any way by which the department could find where headquarters were except by telegraphing for the whereabouts of General Sherman and his flag."

According to Harper's Weekly, more than ten thousand people were murdered in the United States last year. In the year 1888 less than four thousand were murdered. The increase of population in seven years has been considerable. Last year business was bad, and people were cross, and more murderously inclined, no doubt, than common. Still, taking everything into consideration, the increase of murders was astounding. It ought to be checked, and the only practicable way to check it is to have murderers suffer the legal penalty of their crime. It is shocking to kill anyone, but if one must choose between killing the guilty after conviction and having the innocent killed offhand, there cannot be any hesitation about what duty and common sense demand. Murder must be made more unpopular in the United States.

If Dr. Nansen has really discovered the North Pole, how is he going to prove it. This question has been asked repeatedly of late, and scientists have been unable to give a satisfactory answer to the problem. Prof. Dysche, of Kansas, who is now organizing a polar expedition, explains how absolute proof of the success of his venture may be given if he is lucky enough to reach the North Pole. "I will take a bullet," says Prof. Dysche. "This bullet will cast a shadow. In our latitude that bullet would in a day's time describe an eclipse. At the North Pole the shadow would make a perfect circle. I will photograph the shadow throughout the day. Of course, it will be necessary to bring back only an arc or part of a circle. As a day at the pole is six months long, it would be practically impossible to get a picture of the perfect circle. Any part of it, however, would be enough to convince a scientist that I had reached the North Pole."

Citizens whose anxiety to learn the result of an election cannot await the appearance of the next day's newspaper will be interested to know how the vote is expeditiously counted in St. Louis. In that city there are two sets of judges and clerks at each polling place. The voting is done on the Australian system. Under the law, one set of judges and clerks, comprising a Republican and a Democrat, have charge of the voting for an hour. At the close of the hour they take the ballot box and begin to count the ballots that have been cast. In the meanwhile another ballot box is substituted and the other set of judges and clerks take charge of the voting. At the end of their hour they, in their turn, begin to count the votes. By this system of alternating the judges the vote is kept counted as it is cast, and the complete result is attainable within an hour after the polls close. A heavy penalty hangs over any one who announces how the vote stands at any polling place until after the polls are closed and the final results are reached.

What is described as the finest church organ in this country is an instrument just placed in the South Congregational Church in New Britain, Conn. It is the gift of a wealthy member of the church, who offered carte blanché in the matter of expense. R. P. Paine, the organist of the church, who is also well known as a conductor, consulted with expert organists everywhere, and planned the specifications of an instrument which should include every possible modern improvement, on a scale never before realized in this country. George S. Hutchings, the well-known builder of Boston, built it at an estimated cost of over $20,000. Its resources are wonderful—nothing is impossible on it. The wealth of combinations is amazing; there are innumerable things that can be done almost with a touch. The builders have exhausted all the resources of modern mechanical ingenuity to make it as responsive and effective as possible. The organ is fitted with the most perfect possible form of electric action. A peculiar advantage of this system is that the console is movable, so that the organ can be played from any part of the church.

Colors of German Cars.

On the State railways in Germany the carriages are painted according to the colors of the tickets of their respective classes. First-class carriages are painted yellow, second-class green and third-class white.

Triumph of Patience.

In the museum of Salem, Mass., is to be seen a cherrystone containing a dozen silver spoons. They can only be distinguished by means of a magnifier.—Popular Science News.

Stray Dogs in London.

According to the latest returns extending to the present date, 10,623 dogs have been collected by the police in the London streets, and conveyed to the home at Battersea, since the muzzling order came into force. Of this number 8,902 have been painlessly dispatched. When it is considered that only 600 of the captured animals were claimed by their owners, we are face to face with the astonishing fact that 10,000 waifs and strays must have been picking up a living somehow in our midst, the popularity of our canine companions forbidding the idea that more than a very small percentage of owners would be too callous or careless to endeavor to recover their pets. Only one case of rabies would appear to have been detected in this canine multitude (which developed after the animal had been in the institution some little time); but, nevertheless, it was certainly time that steps were taken to diminish this constantly increasing number of ownerless curs.

Take Care of Your Watch.

The mechanism of the human body reminds one very much of the mechanical construction of a fine watch, the wheels, cogs and screws answering to the muscles, and the delicate springs are what may be likened to the nerves. One cannot move without the other, and yet the action of each is separate and distinct. So it is with the nerves and muscles of the human body. The ailments of the muscles are distinct from the ailments of the nerves, and, like the mechanism of a watch, if exposed to sudden change of heat and cold, they get out of order and for the time are useless. Especially is this so at this season of the year, when from exposure, negligence or want of care, the nerves are attacked and neuralgia in its worst form sets in. But like oil to the works of a watch so is St. Jacobs Oil to the nerves thus deranged. It is acknowledged by thousands to be the best and most permanent cure for this most dreaded disease, hence it is well to look after the human watch as well as the one in the pocket.

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The army of Spain on a war footing amounts to 176,032 men. U22

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Carp as Mosquito-Killers.

Here is a hint to farmers who want to be benefactors of mankind. Build fish ponds and raise carp. A correspondent writes to Nature that carp are very fond of the larvae of mosquitoes, and, as that fish thrives best in the only kind of water in which the larvae of mosquitoes live, he suggests that carp might be employed to exterminate the pestiferous insect.

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R·I·P·A·N·S TABULES

Mr. A. W. Burch, an attache of the Rome, N. Y., *Sentinel*, writes September 5th, 1895: "In conversation with one of our merchants a few days ago, I learned that his wife, who had been in very poor health, was regaining her health and strength, and that she attributed her recovery to Ripans Tabules. I requested an interview, which was granted, and the lady cheerfully gave me the inclosed testimonial: 'For a long time I have been interested in the advertisements of Ripans Tabules, which I have seen in the Rome *Sentinel* and the leading magazines. The advertisements seemed to be honest and I grew to believe them. I tried to obtain some of the Tabules, but found that none of the druggists in this city kept them. I was determined to give them a trial, and at last procured a box by sending to Utica. I had suffered from indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and distress in my stomach after eating. I began by taking a Tabule after my breakfast and supper and experienced immediate relief, and in a few days the distressing symptoms had entirely disappeared. Now when I eat anything that usually disagrees with me I take one Tabule and avoid unpleasant consequences. I have also found in them a very agreeable relief for constipation. (Signed), MRS. C. H. RUDD, 429 Liberty St., Rome, N. Y.'"

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